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REPORT

Date June 28th.1940.

Subject JOSEF SCHWARTZ - ACTIVITIES OF.

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Some time after Austria was incorporated into the German Reich, Schwartz obtained a German Passport and became a very ardent German.

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POLICE FORCE,
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Memorandum

Shanghai 5 1923

To C.P.

5/2/23

In view of the fact that the man Schwartz, who lives with a man named Ciati (Italian) at 3 Hunt Road, regularly attends hearings of the Fu Lung Forage case and follows proceedings very closely I suggest that it might be well to put him under close observation. By doing so a great deal more might be found out about the gun running. There is another

Charles Swarzl
Manager

Compagnie Franco-siberienne,

Form 52.
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Memorandum.

No. 968

POLICE BORROW SLIP
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 22 1 1923

To DCP

recently a small box of visiting cards (specimen attached) was found amongst Zang Ah Kung's papers at Fei Lung Jangle. I would like enquiries made regarding this man said to be an ex French policeman

per Wolfsingfield
acting (T)

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL Station.

January 26 1923

REPORT ON Charles Swaral

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Made by D. I. Sullivan Forwarded by Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

The French Police say there has never been anyone bearing the name Charles Swaral in their Force.

A man named Joseph Schwartz, a Hungarian, now registered at the Italian Consulate, who is said to have been attached to the Allied forces in Siberia, joined the French Police locally about eighteen months ago. He was attached to the traffic staff but he was recently asked to resign as he was an associate of well known opium smugglers and was suspected of being concerned in the traffic in drugs and generally untrustworthy. After leaving the French Police he was employed at the Fei Lung Garage and was seen at the Mixed Court when the case against the proprietor of the garage was heard recently. Schwartz speaks English, French, Italian, German, and Russian. He may be the man referred to under another name.

The Compagnie Franco-Siberienne, 12 Nanking Road, has been established about two years. A French citizen named Challiet who is an engineer by profession, and a Russian lawyer named Fishman who is on the Mixed Court roll of lawyers, were with the firm when it was first established but there is reason to believe they have both left now. The firm still rent one room at 12 Nanking Road but it is nearly always locked and apparently no business is done. Several visits have been made to the premises but neither Chinese nor foreigners can so far be found there.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. C. I.

J. Sullivan
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